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## <u>UTILITY PATENT</u> <u>APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER</u>

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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is an [X] original patent application or, [] a continuation-in-part patent application, by inventor(s) <u>Kenneth W. Shirriff</u>, entitled <u>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC CONFIGURATION OF A CLUSTER OF COMPUTERS</u>.

No. of pages in Application: 25; No. of Claims: 27.

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